

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



July 12, 2002

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-50-02

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: FAMILY TO FAMILY CALIFORNIA WEBSITE IS ONLINE

The purpose of this notice is to announce that the Family to Family (F2F) California is now online. The website was developed in collaboration with the Stuart and Anne E. Casey Foundations and the American Public Human Services Association. The website can be reached at this location: <http://www.f2f.ca.gov/>.

This effort in California is part of the national F2F program developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, in consultation with community leaders and childwelfare practitioners nationwide. This reform initiative includes principles, strategies, and tools to confront the real problems faced by child welfare systems.

F2F California provides participating counties with an opportunity to reconceptualize, redesign and reconstruct their foster care systems to achieve a more family-centered, neighborhood-based approach to family foster care. The program consists of four core strategies to achieve F2F goals and evidence-based outcomes:

- **Recruiting, Training, and Supporting Resource Families**
Finding and maintaining foster and kinship families who can support children and families in their neighborhoods.
- **Building Community Partnerships**
Establishing relationships with a wide range of community organizations in neighborhoods where referral rates to the child welfare system are high and collaborating to create an environment that supports families involved in the child welfare system.
- **Making Decisions as a Team**
Involving not just foster parents and caseworkers but also birth families and community members in all placement decisions to ensure a network of support for the children and for the adults who care for them.

- **Evaluating Results**
Using self-evaluation teams to collect, analyze, and interpret hard data about child and family outcomes to find out where we are making progress and to determine where we need to make changes in policy and practice.

The F2F California website will be used by the counties to post and share best practices and implementation information. Counties will also be able to set up accounts to gain access to a message board where they can more directly communicate with staff from other counties or districts. The message board will be added to the site in the near future.

All updates to the site must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for online publication, such as Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF). Updates should be emailed to Marika at the following address: Marika.Wolf@dss.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Marika Wolf, Manager, Recruitment Network Development Unit at (916) 322-3537.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed
By Nina Grayson For***

SYLVIA PIZZINI
Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division